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HB 2863

**HB 2863**: ASDB; revisions

S/E: ASDB; local education agencies Sponsor: Representative Udall, LD 25 Committee on Education

# Summary of the Strike-Everything Amendment to HB 2863

#### Overview

Classifies the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) campuses as local education agencies (LEAs).

## <u>History</u>

ASDB provides schools and regional programs to sensory impaired individuals throughout Arizona. Statute requires these schools to be fully recognized as educational institutions and as optional resources to school districts, state institutions and other approved educational programs. Resources provided by ASDB include assessments, special curriculum, equipment and materials, supplemental related services, special short-term programs, staff development, information services for families and research and development (A.R.S. § 15-1302).

An individual who is between the ages of 3 and 21 is entitled to an education from ASDB without charge if they are an Arizona resident and have a sensory impairment that prevents them from being properly educated in a school district (A.R.S. § 15-1343).

ASDB is governed by a board of directors. The board consists of the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction (or their designee), one appointed member from the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, one appointed member from the Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment and six other appointed members (A.R.S. § 15-1321).

### **Provisions**

- 1. Designates ASDB campuses as LEAs for the purposes of:
  - a) Federal education funding received by the state; and
  - b) State and federal accountability. (Sec. 2)
- 2. Renames Title 15, Chapter 11 from Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind to Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind. (Sec. 1)

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)	☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)	☐ Emergency (40 votes)	☐ Fiscal Note	